

Supporting the next generation of Americans in uniform, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) recently announced her nominees to the U.S. Military Service Academies for the 2014 class.

"One of the greatest things a young person can do is to make a choice to serve our country, and I'm proud to support these students in their efforts to attend these prestigious military academies," said Halvorson. "I encourage every student who has an interest in serving their country to reach out to my office and apply in the future."

The 15 nominees were selected by Halvorson in consultation with her Service Academy Interview Board, which consists of veterans and constituents involved in the service academy community. Every applicant was placed through a rigorous process that included submitting a resume, an essay, three letters of recommendation, and a 30 minute interview with the Service Academy Interview Board.

A full list of Halvorson's nominees and the academy they have applied to can be found below:

United States Naval Academy

David Smith, New Lenox

Anthony Hernandez, Plainfield

Trevor Boers, Morris

Daniel Enns, Frankfort

Joseph Finn, Ottawa

Justin Ipema, Crete

Kyle Jelinek, Joliet

James McDaniel, New Lenox

Michael Medina-Alvarez, Frankfort

Alex Russo, New Lenox

United States Air Force Academy

Alex Goebel, Normal

Megan Houchin, Mazon

Jordon Fischer, Normal

Hereford Johnson III, Joliet

United States Military Academy

Zachary Polega, Manteno